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Mark

As we discussed this morning, our President brought up that now that the Million Dollar Bridge repairs are completed, it might be a good time to put in the STIP some of the Copper River Highway work. This is a controversial project and a good place to start may be the Allen River Upgrades. Small money, road already traveled, Keeps the Chitina right of way out of it and ties into work already completed. Also, with this completed, the a pioneer Tasnuna route is very accessible with two bridges over the allen and one over heney river.

Building community consensus on this will be impossible but it may be something that can be supported by a majority with strong leadership from the State.

I could get fired for this but all I am doing is bringing the subject up. I am leaving it in your hands what to do with it.

Also see page 4 of our recent newsletter attached which has a great article on the Million Dollar Bridge Ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Presidents Report

Sobriety Celebration! November 11 and 12. See Page 7 for Schedule.

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Our 12th Annual Sobriety Day is approaching fast. All of the dance groups that were here last year will be returning. We have our moose ready and some great traditional food. It should be another great event. We still need volunteers to help.

Sobriety is important to the success of our lives and our community.

It was good to hear that we were awarded the HUD CBG for the Hartney Bay subdivision. This grant is a start on getting some roads in. It will be good to see some of our Tribal Members

building homes on lots they have owned for many years.

North Pacific Rim Housing Authority was awarded a Denali Commission training grant. With the Hartney Bay and Shepard Point projects upcoming we can apply to get more of our people ready for future jobs.

It is good to see the Ilanka building nearly completed. We are finishing off the upstairs into offices. Our Orca "Eyak" will be hanging in the entrance before long.

The Community Health Center is coming along and



Robert Henrichs,
President

providing excellent service.

As I meet with other Tribal Leaders around the State I feel fortunate that we have been able to provide for our membership as much as we have.

Housing Programs

As we move toward winter, members are encouraged to come by the Housing Department and visit our Lending Library. We have new information available regarding Homeownership, Housebuilding, Home purchase, and the prevention and treatment of mold in your home. This includes an informative DVD that can be checked out and

viewed by members at home.

Housing Coordinator, Jeanna VanBrocklin, recently attended the HomeChoice class sponsored by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), and now has homeownership information from AHFC and USDA available for interested members. This includes low interest guaran-

teed loans and leveraged loans for qualified borrowers. She also has information regarding low interest loans/grants to assist very low income owner-occupants with home rehabilitation and repairs through USDA Rural Development. Applications are in the office for home rehabilitation grants through Alaska Community Development Corporation.

Special points of interest:

- 12th Annual Sobriety Celebration and Potlatch Event Agenda

Executive Directors Report



"This is a statewide event that has touched many lives and it has inspired other communities to start sobriety celebrations of their own."

Our sobriety celebration is coming up on November 11 and 12. I encourage everyone to participate in this positive event. We have worked for years to promote sobriety and it is working. Our alcoholism rate in Cordova is down and we are making a strong positive difference in our Village, State and the Country as a result. This year's theme is "Sobriety is Friendship and Fellowship" This is a statewide event that has touched many lives and has inspired other communities to start sobriety celebrations of their own. My hope is that this positive activity will continue to grow throughout the state and that someday we can see a world sober and alcohol free. The recent tragedy in Sheldon Point illustrates the need to focus on sobriety. We can outlaw alcohol but it can still be manufactured at home and what is needed is a desire to live a sober healthy life. Sobriety works.

We are excited this year to again have George Ramos conduct an honoring of our veterans ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the high school gym. We hope to see all veterans in Cordova attend so we can show our respect to you for the service you have given to protecting our country.

Our fisheries projects all ran well this summer. The early break up put us in the field earlier than ever. Our projects provide vital scientific data that is used by fisheries managers to make important decisions on our

salmon runs. Our involvement in this research helps every one in our region.

We are moving ahead on many fronts, our wellness center and clinic program is better than ever. We have expanded services in our clinic with our Community Health Center funding. We are making positive changes in the health care available to our community.

Our tribal Court is taking a positive step forward and we have intervened in several child welfare cases. We are breaking ground in this area and are making a difference. Our financial management systems are undergoing change to accommodate our growth. We have hired a finance director, Jim Gittleson. He is doing a great job reviewing our systems and improving our financial management capacity.

We are leading the way on our Tribal Transportation program and are working together with a multitude of agencies to coordinate this activity. Our Shepard Point Project is moving along on schedule and we expect a draft environmental impact statement to be issued in December. We received funding to work on the Hartney Bay project which will allow nearly 400 building lots to be developed.

Governor Murkowski and Commissioner Barton visited on August 30, 2005 and led the ribbon cutting ceremony

for the Million Dollar Bridge. This marks the restoration of one of Alaska's most significant engineering accomplishments.

The Alaska Marine Highway system is expanding service to Cordova and we have been very fortunate to have the support of the State administration in improving our service. We are especially thankful to Robin Taylor, Vern Craig, Chuck Van Kirk, John Falvey, and James Beedle for supporting an excellent schedule and service in Prince William Sound. I encourage you to look at the great pricing and expanded schedule and to plan on using the Alaska Ferry System for your next trip.

Our Cultural Center completed its second year of operation and we are working hard to develop a long range operating and funding plan for this vital program. We are holding regular classes and have many new artifacts on display.

We have initiated the formation of the Litnaqtut Tribal College and are in the process of recruiting a board of directors. We are very excited about the new Tribal college and the opportunities it will open up for young people throughout the Native community. We continue to expand our operations and services on a daily basis. It is a pleasure to serve such a diverse and supportive group of people.

Hartney Bay Project

The Native Village of Eyak (NVE) has recently been working with The Eyak Corporation to move forward with the Hartney Bay Subdivision Project. This is a priority project of NVE and its members as well as the Eyak Corporation. The Eyak Corporation conveyed approximately 330 lots in Hartney Bay to Alaska Native shareholders in 1982. However, the initial survey was inaccurate. NVE

recently received a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant to complete the survey corrections, road design and environmental work. Through this cooperative effort the project can move forward.

Picture: Hartney Bay Subdivision Layout



Ilnaka Wellness Center Expands Services

The Ilnaka Wellness Center operated by the Native Village of Eyak is outgrowing its bright little clinic on the harbor. The Wellness Center is considering a move to the current Cordova Community Medical Center outpatient clinic facility early next year.

The Native Village of Eyak opened its own clinic in 2000. In 2005 NVE was awarded a grant from the Bureau of Primary Health Care to expand services.

This grant will benefit everyone in the community by increasing access to health care. The members of the Native Village of Eyak benefit from this new designation because it brings more dollars into our health care system allowing us to offer more services than are possible with just Indian Health Service support.

A sliding scale discount is offered for those who qualify based on family size and income. Applications for the sliding scale are available to all patients. Everyone should fill out an application, regardless of tribal beneficiary status. It is important for all IHS beneficiaries to apply for the discount because total discounts are reported to the Bureau of Primary Health Care and are a measure of how well the clinic is providing services to the underserved populations. This is an important step in being able to keep our grant.

It is important to remember that healthcare for our members will continue to be delivered as before.

We plan an open house after renovations to the new clinic space. This will include new lighting, fresh paint and furnishings. We

look forward to seeing you all in the near future to celebrate our move.

The Ilnaka Wellness Center provides excellent care to our members with expanded provider staff. We now have a physician and three mid practitioners on staff. Stop by and check it out.

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Ilnaka Wellness Center Reception Area





Picture 1. The ribbon is cut, opening the recently renovated span of the Million Dollar Bridge.

L to R. Andrew Niemiec, Alaska DOTPF, Northern Region Engineer; Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski; Cordova Mayor Tim Joyce; Bruce Cain, Executive Director Native Village of Eyak; Mike Barton, Commissioner, Alaska DOTPF. Member Luke Borer looks on in the background. He has started a lodge business that will benefit from the new crossing and spur Tribal economic development in the area.

Million Dollar Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



The Million Dollar Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony marks restoration of one of the most significant engineering landmarks in Alaska.

Governor Murkowski led the ribbon cutting ceremony on August 30, 2005 to commemorate the raising of the span that gave way during the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake and fell into the Copper River.

This event recognizes the establishment of a bridge from our past and a road to our future.

Crews worked through the winter for two years under some of the most severe conditions in the world. Steel workers spent long hours over the icy waters of the Copper River for most of this time.



Picture 2 and 3. (left and above) The Million Dollar Bridge span sat in the Copper River for 40 years. It is now raised and set on a new safe and secure concrete pier.



winter working conditions.

Picture 4. (left) Gene Woodin, with Gunnerson Construction of Cordova, operates a blower owned by Mowat Construction, during the winter of '04. The rig blasts through a huge snow drift on the Copper River Delta in support of the bridge restoration logistics. Ingenious, determined Cordova crews continuously surprised skeptics. They handily kept the road open against all odds in hazardous

Native Village of Eyak Leads the State on Tribal Subsistence Research

NVE Secretary-Treasurer, Mark King and NVE Executive Director Bruce Cain install new signs at our Baird Canyon Research Camp.



Our fisheries research projects are going gang busters. The early break up put us in the field earlier than we have ever been before but we were helped out by a light snow load. We are doing a Sockeye mark recapture study, a Chinook mark recapture study, a Sockeye radio tag-

ging study, a Steelhead radio tagging study, a Coho radio tagging study, a test sonar project on the lower river and a genetics study. These projects keep our crews busy from breakup till freeze up. We expect to have a report available for the Board of Fisheries this December which will be used in the regulation setting process this winter. We will host a research summit in January in Cordova. Our research data is a critical component of the information needed to manage the fisheries on the Copper

River. Our projects employ 8 field technicians and two support staff. If you want to work on the projects, please contact Keith Van Den Broek our fisheries biologist at 424-7867



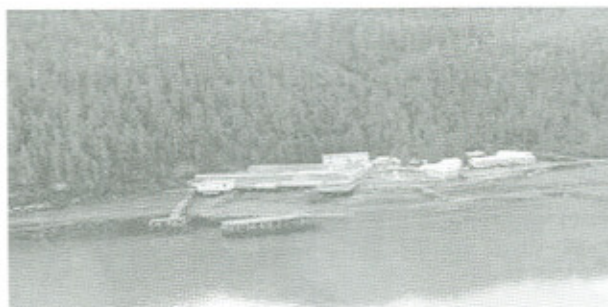
Jeremy Stevens of Copper Center, Fish Technician, Canyon Creek

Shepard Point Project

The Cordova Emergency Response Facility Project is moving along on schedule. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be released to the public in December. Design and Construction will follow.

Contaminated sites and the community will benefit from enhanced oil spill response capacity.

Orca Adventure Lodge, a major supporter of our Sobriety Celebration, is located near the project area.



Alaganik Restoration Program Under Way

The Native Village of Eyak is working on a restoration plan for Alaganik. We are creating a plan that will address restoration of a traditional long house, trading area and Hooligan rendering pits. We are working with the Forest Service, Chugach Alaska Corporation and our elders. Our youth caught Hooligan this spring. Soon we expect to have a traditional area restored to render the oil to share with elders and other Villages.

Below: Agnes and Daniel Nichols along with Ashley Kompkoff check their catch.

Right: Samantha Adams hauls in a net full of Hooligan.



Native Youth Olympics Update

Students in Grades 7 – 12 interested in participating in Native Youth Olympics were asked to attend an organizational meeting on Monday, November 7th.

If you were unable to attend this meeting but are interested in joining the Native Village of Eyak Native Youth Olympics 2006 team please contact Altana or Lennette at

NVE at 424-7738 as soon as possible. The NVE NYO team is coached and supervised by Tomas Anderson and Lennette Ronnegard. Competition is in May of 2006. An Organizational meeting was held early in the season this year to begin fundraising efforts to ensure our appearance at this year's competition. December 2nd is the final date to sign up for this year's team. Fundraising is an

important part of team membership. It is what makes it possible for all team members to complete. If you want to help out the NYO team by donating, call Altana or Lennette at 907-424-7738.

Picture: Jacob Borodkin competing in the Alaska High Kick at the state competition.



Cordova Ikumat Alutiiq Dancers Perform at AFN



Cordova Ikumat Alutiiq Dance Group on Stage at AFN.



"We are very honored to be at AFN and Fairbanks. We have watched from the sidelines for many years and now we are here performing."

Mary Babic



The Cordova Ikumat Alutiiq Dance Group is having a Raffle on Thursday December 22, 2005 at the Masonic. Proceeds will fund travel and supplies for the Ikumat Dance Group. The prize items for the raffle are as follows:

1st Prize: Basket made by Darlene Nichols

2nd Prize: Sterling Earrings made by Denise Wallace

3rd Prize: Sea Otter Pillow made by Mary Babic

4th Prize: Sea Otter Scarf made by Patience A. Faulkner

Tickets will be sold at the NVE office, Cultural Center, and by the Dancers. You need not be present to win. Prizes may be seen at the Ilanka Cultural Center.

If you want to contribute to the Ikumat Dancers, please call Mary Babic at 907-424-7903.



Date / Time	SOBRIETY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	Information
Thursday	10 November, 2005	
12:00 PM	Dance Groups begin to arrive	Airport and Ferry Terminal
6:00 PM	Welcoming Dinner for Early Arrivals	Masonic Hall
Friday	11 November, 2005	
9:00-10:00 AM	Ke ex' Kwaan Dancers - Kake at the Elementary School Assembly	Mt. Eccles Elementary Lunch Room
10:00-11:00 AM	Mt. St. Elias Dance Group High School Assembly	CHS Gymnasium
11:00 am- 1:00 PM	Fatherhood Initiative Workshop- Patrick Anderson, Matt Senna	PWS Community College
6:00PM	Welcoming dinner for out of town guests	CHS Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Honoring the Veterans - George Ramos/Jack Hopkins	CHS Gymnasium
7:45PM	Candle Light Vigil	CHS Gymnasium
8:30PM	Kick-off Native Dance Groups	CHS Gymnasium
8:00PM	12 Step Meeting	CHS Library
Saturday	12 November 2005	
10:00AM - 4:00PM	Arts/Crafts and FOOD Fair	CHS Hallway
10:00AM	Opening Ceremonies	CHS Gymnasium
	· Invocation—Molly Rice	CHS Gymnasium
	· Grand Entrance and Welcome Dance—All Dance Groups	CHS Gymnasium
	· Posting of the Colors—Veteran Volunteers	CHS Gymnasium
	· Welcome Dance—Cordova Ikumat Alutiiq Dancers	CHS Gymnasium
	· Call to Order, Welcome to Native Village of Eyak Traditional Homeland	Robert Henrichs NVE Pres-MC
	· Welcome to City of Cordova/City Proclamation—Cordova Mayor - Tim Joyce	CHS Gymnasium
	· NVE Council, Sobriety Committee and Supporters—Belen Cook	CHS Gymnasium
10:45AM	Sobriety Event Introduction & Logo Contest Winner - Darlene Nichols	CHS Gymnasium
11:00AM	Governor's Proclamation on Sobriety and Special Awards—Bear and Wolf and Orca Adventure Lodge— Robert Henrichs	CHS Gymnasium
11:10AM	Keynote Speaker—Ken Blatchford	CHS Gymnasium
11:30PM	Ikumat Alutiiq Dancers - Cordova	CHS Gymnasium
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Lunch Break	On Your Own
1:00PM	Tatitlek Alutiiq Dancers	CHS Gymnasium
1:15PM	Honor the Elders & Elders Gifts -Mary Babic & Cordova Ikumat Alutiiq Dancers	CHS Gymnasium
1:30PM	Special Guest—Albert Kookesh	CHS Gymnasium
1:40 PM	Special Guest—Bill Thomas	CHS Gymnasium
1:50 PM	Special Guest—Reggie Joule	CHS Gymnasium
2:00 PM	Qutekak Alutiiq Dancers - Seward	CHS Gymnasium
2:30PM	Special Guest—Commander Mike Gardiner, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office, Valdez	CHS Gymnasium
2:45PM	Ke ex' Kwaan Dancers - Kake	CHS Gymnasium
3:15PM	Special Guest: Lincoln Bean	CHS Gymnasium
3:30PM	Yees Ku Oo Dancers - Juneau	CHS Gymnasium
4:00 PM	Sobriety Countdown - Ed Shipman	CHS Gymnasium
4:15 PM	Fatherhood Initiative—Patrick Anderson	CHS Gymnasium
4:30PM	Mt St Elias Dancers - Yakutat	CHS Gymnasium
5:00PM	Grand Exit	All Dance Groups
5:10	Break for Dinner Preparation and Set Up—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME	CHS Gymnasium, Hall and Cafeteria
5:10 PM	Native Youth Olympics Demonstration During Dinner Prep	CHS Gymnasium
6:15PM	Community Traditional Subsistence Potlatch Dinner - Silent Auction closes at 5:45 announce at 6:00	CHS Common/Gymnasium
8:00PM	Open Traditional Dance - any group wanting to perform	CHS Gymnasium
8:00 PM	12 Step Meeting	CHS Library
8:00PM-11PM	Sobriety Youth Dance	Masonic Hall
Sunday	13 November 2005	
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Farewell Breakfast	Masonic Hall
12:00 PM	Traditional Dance Workshop/Class-Mt. St. Elias Dancers Instructors	Masonic Hall



ECHOES OF OUR ANCESTORS

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We Lose Another Good Soldier.

We were saddened to hear that one of our elders, Fred Lang passed away November 2, 2005. We are going to dearly miss him. He was a great man. Fred was one of the few remaining World War II Veterans. He was a fisherman who talked with his hands and his heart.

Gifts or words of encouragement can be sent to his wife Mae Lang at P.O. Box 514, Cordova, Alaska 99574.

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